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SUBJECT: MAJOR RE-SHUFFLE OF MILITARY AND POLICE LEADERSHIP

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¶1. (U) As reported reftel, President Joseph Kabila ordered a major shake-up of the Congolese military (FARDC) in a decree issued late June 12. Nearly all top commanders, including FARDC Chief of Defense Staff Lt. General Kisempia and Air Forces Commander General John Numbi, were removed from their positions. The one notable exception is General Gabriel Amisi (ex-ANC), who will retain his post as FARDC Land Forces Commander.

¶2. (SBU) Many of those who were removed from the top positions were reassigned with the exception of Kisempia, whose future remains unknown, although it is expected he will retire. As reported reftel, Numbi was appointed Police Inspector General; former Naval Forces Commander Maj. General Amuli Bahigua (ex-MLC) is now the FARDC's Chief of Operations; former FARDC Intelligence Chief General Didier Etumba (ex-FAC) was promoted to Vice Admiral and appointed Commander of Naval Forces; former Chief of Operations General Bahuma Ambamba (ex-MLC) is now the regional military commander in Bas-Congo province; and Chief of Logistics General Malik Kijege (ex-ANC) will become the FARDC's Deputy Inspector General.

¶3. (U) Other notable appointments in the FARDC include:  
-- Maj. General Rigobert Massamba (ex-FAC), a former commander of the Kitona air base, as Air Forces Commander;  
-- Colonel Marcel Ekuba, commander of the 1st Integrated Brigade in Ituri District, as Deputy Chief of Operations;  
-- Brig. General Kitenge Tundwa (ex-FAC), head of the DRC's National Service, as Chief of Military Intelligence;  
-- Brig. General Mbuayama Nsiona, regional military commander in Bas-Congo and formerly in Ituri, as Chief of Logistics;  
-- Brig. General Jean-Claude Kifwa, commander of the Republican Guard, as a regional military commander;  
-- Brig. General Patrick Masunzu, a pro-Kabila Munyamluenge commander from the High Plateau region of Minembwe, as Deputy Regional Military Commander of South Kivu;  
-- Colonel Shulungu Nembeso (ex-FAC), commander of the Luberizi training facility, as commander of the FARDC's Military Integration Structure;  
-- Brig. General Bundja Mabe, former Kintona base commander and regional military commander in South Kivu, as commander of Kamina air base in Katanga;  
-- Brig. General Mustapha Mukiza (ex-MLC), regional military commander in Bandundu, as commander of the Kitona training base in Bas-Congo.

¶4. (U) Several new appointments within the national police and intelligence services were also announced. As noted, Numbi will replace General Daniel Katsuba as Inspector General. The deputy police inspector for operations and

intelligence will be General Alongaboni, a former adviser to Jean-Pierre Bemba who held a similar position in the FARDC, while the deputy inspector for administration will be Charles Bisengimana. Colonel Chalwe Raus, head of police special services and the Kin-Maziere prison in Kinshasa, will assume the position of provincial police inspector general in Bas-Congo. Raus is being replaced by Colonel Union Vagba. The new head of the National Intelligence Agency (ANR) is Daruwezi Mukombe, a security adviser to President Kabila, who replaces Mira Ndjoku.

¶5. (SBU) Comment: It is too early to tell how effective any of these changes will be in reforming the military, as the problems besetting the FARDC are profound and multi-faceted. Most of the appointees appear to be competent military commanders, though it is worth noting many of them have ties to Kabila or his father. The long-expected removal of Kisempia in particular is an overdue step towards creating a more professional army. End comment.

¶6. (U) Below is a list of key personnel appointments in the FARDC, national police, and intelligence services, according to President Kabila's June 12 decree:

ARMED FORCES OF THE DRC (FARDC)  
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Chief of Defense Staff: Lt. General Dieudonne Kayembe  
Mbandakulu

Land Forces Commander: General Gabriel Amisi Kumba  
Deputy Land Forces Commander (Operations): Colonel Ngonga  
Bulamba

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Deputy Land Forces Commander (Administration and Logistics):  
Colonel Mbiato Konzoli

Air Forces Commander: Maj. General Rigobert Massamba Musungu  
Deputy Air Forces Commander (Operations): Colonel Enoch Numbi  
Ngoy  
Deputy Air Forces Commander (Administration and Logistics):  
Colonel Yambuya Baruti

Naval Forces Commander: Vice Admiral Didier Etumba Longila  
Deputy Naval Forces Commander (Operations): Rear Admiral  
Emmanuel Kabuiki  
Deputy Naval Forces Commander (Administration and Logistics):  
Captain Buenze Safan

Inspector General: Lt. General Francois Olenga  
Deputy Inspector General (Operations): Brig. General Malik  
Kijege  
Deputy Inspector General (Administration and Logistics):  
Brig. General Sumi Mungapa

Chief of Operations: Maj. General Dieudonne Amuli Bahigua  
Deputy Chief of Operations: Colonel Marcel Ekuba Mondo

Chief of Military Intelligence: Brig. General Kitenge Tundwa  
Deputy Chief of Military Intelligence: Colonel Jean-Paul  
Mfinda Nzolameso

Chief of Logistics: Brig. General Mbuayama Nsiona  
Deputy Chief of Logistics: Colonel Jean-Luc Ijila

Chief of Administration: Brig. General Celestin Mbala Musense  
Deputy Chief of Administration: Colonel Sinforose Kabuanda  
Kasewu

Secretary General of Defense: Rear Admiral Damas Kabulo

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Secretary General for Ex-Combatants: Colonel Zebede Kasangana

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Chief Counsel to the Auditor's Office: Brig. General Unkoto  
Kiyana Kim

Chief of the High Military Court: Brig. General Delphin  
Nyembo Yabuzilu

Auditor General: Brig. General Joseph Konde Isambwa

Regional Military Commanders:  
Brig. General Constant Ndimba  
Brig. General Jean Makoma Bana  
Brig. General Michel Ekutshu Wazanga  
Brig. General Obedi Wabasira  
Brig. General Bahuma Ambama  
Brig. General Padiri Bulenda  
Brig. General Kasereka Sindani  
Brig. General Vainqueur Mayala  
Brig. General Jean-Claude Kifwa  
Brig. General Sylvain Tshikwe  
Brig. General Prosper Nabilwa

Deputy Regional Military Commanders (Operations and  
Intelligence):

Colonel Bolingo Matani Wabubi  
Colonel Tshisebue Visa  
Brig. General Janvier Mayanga Buatishuba  
Colonel Jean-Pierre Bonguangele  
Brig. General Kabamba wa Kabambi  
Colonel Paul Lenge Muela  
Brig. General Floribert Kitembo  
Colonel Delphin Kahimbi Kansague  
Brig. General Leon Mushale Tshitamba  
Brig. General Patrick Masunzu  
Colonel Tshikabue Fal

Deputy Regional Military Commanders (Administration and  
Logistics):

Colonel Kongolo a Kongolo  
Colonel Botamba Ali Pepe  
Colonel Mulunda Moombe  
Colonel Baloko Bian  
Colonel Seraphin Zirimani  
Colonel Malekera Bolungu Sian  
Colonel Sadiki Feruzi  
Colonel Dieudonne Kitenge Amisi  
Colonel Tambuka Bamei Urbin

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Colonel Baudoin Nyakabaka  
Lt. Col. Michel Mabondani Shora

Coordinator of the Military Integration Structure (SMI):

Colonel Shulungu Nembeso  
SMI Deputy Coordinator (Operations): Colonel Fungula Katutu  
SMI Deputy Coordinator (Administration and Logistics):  
Colonel Jonny Luboya

Ituri Operations Commander: Brig. General Kinkela Kabua  
Deputy Ituri Operations Commander (Operations and  
Intelligence): Colonel Abdallah Nyembo  
Deputy Ituri Operations Commander (Administration and  
Logistics): Colonel Molimbi Lufungula

Commander, Officer Training School: Maj. General Lukama  
Musikani

Commander, Central Logistics Base: Brig. General Martin  
Mukalayi Kabimbi  
Deputy Commander, Logistics Base (Logistics): Colonel  
Dieudonne Lutalakabubi  
Deputy Commander, Logistics Base (Administration and  
Finances): Colonel Nyembo Kufi

Chancellor of the National Order of Heros: Brig. General  
Joachim Mabiala  
Secretary General of the National Order of Heros: Colonel

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Ilunga Atsho

Commander, Kamina Military Base: Brig. General Bundja Mabe  
Deputy Commander, Kamina: Brig. General Jean-Claude Tshibumbu

Commander, Kitona Military Base: Brig. General Mustapha Mukiza  
Deputy Commander, Kitona: Brig. General Jacques Itshalingoza  
Nduru

Commander, Corps of Engineers: Colonel Constantin Salumu  
Bilika  
First Deputy, Corps of Engineers: Colonel Mbuyu Kamulete Lay  
Lay  
Second Deputy, Corps of Engineers: Colonel Luhekua Nzanu

Commander, Signal Corps: Colonel Andre Matutezulua  
First Deputy, Signal Corps: Colonel Kalunguishi Nsiri  
Second Deputy, Signal Corps: Lt. Colonel Felix Kaloza

Director, Social Actions: Brig. General Mufundinga  
Deputy Director, Social Actions: Colonel Armand Djambleka

Director General, Health Services: Colonel Gilbert Kabanda  
First Deputy Director, Health Services: Colonel Kakudji Ilunga  
Second Deputy Director, Health Services: Colonel Munyampara  
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#### CONGOLESE NATIONAL POLICE (PNC)

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Inspector General: Maj. General John Numbi  
Deputy Inspector General (Operations): Benjamin Alongaboni  
Deputy Inspector General (Administration and Logistics):  
Charles Bisengimana  
Director, Special Services: Union Vagba

#### NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (ANR)

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General Administrator: Daruwezi Mukombe  
Deputy General Administrator: Mate Cirimugo  
Interior Department: Kaleu Mutondo  
Exterior Department: Kibelisa Ngabasui  
Department of Support: Lofembe Ekofo  
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